# Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR)

#### **CEPR**

- Oversees 103 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and supports communities, industries, and government agencies by facilitating a coordinated effort in disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
- Regionalization or regional LEPCs are encouraged
- Approves the HMEP grant applications

#### **CEPR**

- Congress enacted the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) on October 17, 1986
- Federal law requires Governor's to establish a State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) and for the SERC to establish Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)

# Kansas Emergency Management Act

- KSA Chapter 48, Article 9
- Responsible for implementing the EPCRA provision and serves as technical advisor and information clearinghouse for state and federal hazardous materials programs.



#### **CEPR focus**

- Enhance state and local emergency response and preparedness capabilities through coordination and planning
  - Advise and assisting local agencies in the development of emergency plans, training and exercises
  - Review response activities to emergency and recommend improvements
  - Carry out the requirements of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

## **CEPR** membership

- Currently 27 representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry
- State Agency heads
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Department of Health & Environment
  - Department of Transportation
  - Kansas Highway Patrol
  - Adjutant General
  - Department of Commerce
  - Kansas Bureau of Investigation
  - Department of Agriculture

## **CEPR** membership

- Counties
- Cities
- Business & Industry 3
  - One representing broadcasting
- Agriculture (crop or livestock)
- Transportation (trucking or rail)
- Energy
- Law enforcement officers
- Fire fighters

- County emergency managers
- Emergency medical services
- Public works services
- Hospitals
- Public Health
- Tribes of Kansas
- Individuals with disabilities
- Regional Homeland Security councils

#### **CEPR Committee Charters**

- Deployable Resources and working groups
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) Appointment Committee
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team
- Kansas Tele-communicator Emergency Response Taskforce
- State Interagency Continuity of Operations

## Typical Agenda

- Consent agenda
  - Mitigation plans
  - CEOP status reports
- After action reports form SEOC activations
- Current relevant topics in emergency preparedness
  - Zika
  - Shootings
  - Fusion Center
- Agency brief outs leveraging public opportunities to benefit preparedness

# Department of Health & Environment

- Both divisions have distinct roles and responsibilities within emergency management and homeland security
  - Right to Know database/Tier II reports
  - Spill response (part of Kansas spill & all hazard notification line reporting with KDEM and KCC)
  - Radiation Control Program
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program
  - Hospital Preparedness Program

#### **Tribes**

- Allows Governor's tribal liaison to become a member of the CEPR
- Leaves flexibility for any additional tribal appointees as needed
- If the tribes would like to have a representative we are open to their engagement

#### **LEPCs**

- Have grown outside the original SARA Title III intent to all-hazards planning team
- Develop county EOPs
- Engagement with broader health and medical community
- Local exercise development
- Input into various grant activity completion
- A helpful group to aid the county emergency manager to update plans!
- HEMP grant applications and activities

# Questions?